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Dear friends,

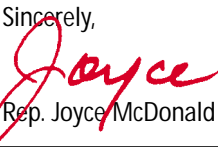
As your state representative, I believe it's important to listen to your concerns and to work with you to find solutions to the problems which face our state and our communities.

Many of us have the same concerns – job security, good schools, safe streets and neighborhoods, access to affordable health care, finding some way to relieve our traffic congestion, keeping taxes low while maintaining essential services.

As I begin to consider important legislation that will affect our district, I'd like to know your opinions. This survey is an opportunity to say what issues are most important to you and to share ideas for making Washington a better place to live and work.

Please take a moment to answer the questions and return your completed survey. Because it takes some time to tally the responses, a prompt return of this survey is appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your answers.

Sincerely,

Rep. Joyce McDonald

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Legislative Survey - 2003

Legislative priorities

Rank these issues from 1 to 10 according to their importance to you, with 1 being most important:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> crime and security | <input type="checkbox"/> water supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> environment | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> health care | <input type="checkbox"/> growth management and land use | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> social services | <input type="checkbox"/> property taxes | _____ |

Budget and spending

It's estimated the state is facing a \$2.4 billion budget deficit simply to continue the services it is currently providing. How should the Legislature address the deficit?

- ☐ Cut public services. Don't raise taxes (please specify below where spending should be cut)
- ☐ Raise taxes. Don't cut public services
- ☐ Rely mostly on cuts with modest tax increases
- ☐ Rely mostly on tax increases with modest cuts in services
- ☐ Other (please provide details) _____

If you prefer that some or all of the budget deficit be made up through cuts, which areas of the budget do you believe should receive cuts?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 education | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental regulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Higher education | <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social services | <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health care | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please provide details) _____ |

Education funding

In 2000, voters approved Initiative 732 to give teachers and K-12 employees automatic cost-of-living increases, and Initiative 728 to increase funding for class-size reduction. Unfortunately, the initiatives did not provide for the necessary revenue to pay for themselves. Given the budget deficit we now face, what best describes your opinion about these initiatives?

- ☐ Voters have spoken and these initiatives should be fully funded, even if it means tax increases or cutting services for other citizens
- ☐ Funding for these initiatives should be postponed until the budget deficit is brought under control
- ☐ We should continue funding one of them, but not the other. Which initiative do you continue to support? ☐ I-732 ☐ I-728
- ☐ These initiatives should be sent back to a vote of the people along with the necessary revenue increase
- ☐ Other (please provide details) _____

Jobs and Economy

With Washington's unemployment rate so high, a major focus this year is to find ways to create jobs, retain existing businesses and attract new ones. Which of the following proposals would you support? (Mark as many as you want)

- ☐ Maintain existing business tax exemptions and further reduce business taxes
- ☐ Repeal the state's new ergonomics rules
- ☐ Change the regulatory environment to make Washington more attractive to business
- ☐ Streamline permitting so businesses can locate and expand in Washington without costly delays

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Taxes

In your opinion, are property taxes:

Too low

Somewhat fair and reasonable

Too high

Some have suggested an income tax would be a more stable source of revenue for the state. Would you support a state income tax to replace Washington's current tax structure?

Yes

No

Transportation

In light of the November failure of Referendum 51, (which asked for a 9-cent gas tax increase to fund transportation improvements) how should the Legislature respond to address our transportation needs?

- Lawmakers should pass a transportation package this session that includes a gas tax increase
- The Legislature should develop a revenue (tax) package that addresses the flaws of Ref. 51 and put it before the voters again for approval
- No new taxes. Let's make do with the money we have
- Other (please provide details)

One proposal being debated in Olympia would raise the gas tax by one penny each time the Department of Transportation successfully reaches efficiency goals (e.g., if DOT saved a specific amount of money by contracting out more work to the private sector, it would trigger a one-cent increase) for a maximum of 5 cents a gallon increase. Which describes your opinion of this incentive-based approach?

I would support it

I would not support it

Demographics

Which category or categories, if any, best describe(s) you?

- Business owner
- Teacher/educator
- Health-care professional
- Have school-age children
- Commuter encountering daily traffic congestion
- Senior citizen - (Age 60+)
- Elected official - (Which office?)

Would you like more information?

If you would like periodic updates on issues you've indicated are important to you, please provide information below. Be sure to include your e-mail address if you would like to be contacted via e-mail.

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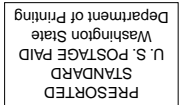
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